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MEMORANDUM

TO: SPANISH MACKEREL BUYERS AND HARVESTERS

FROM: VIRGINIA MARINE RESOURCES COMMISSION

SUBJECT: COMMERCIAL SPANISH MACKEREL – STATE WATERS PER TRIP
POSSESSION LIMIT

On June 24, 2021, National Marine Fisheries Service announced a commercial federal waters closure for the Atlantic Migratory Group Spanish Mackerel Northern Zone, to take effect 12:01 am on June 28, 2021.

Beginning 12:01 am June 28, 2021, it shall be unlawful for any person to possess or land in Virginia any amount of Spanish mackerel in excess of 500 pounds from any vessel in any one day. This provision will be in place until March 1, 2022, when the Atlantic Migratory Group Spanish Mackerel Northern Zone reopens in federal waters.

Chapter 4 VAC 20-540-10 “Pertaining to Spanish Mackerel and King Mackerel” et seq., can be found in its entirety at www.mrc.virginia.gov.

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